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**VON BRAUN,
WERNHER**

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Wernher Von Braun

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BIRMINGHAM: Also verify applicants naturalization.

BOSTON: Other Addresses; U. S. Army Camp (Ft. Strong), Boston, Massachusetts, 5/45 to 10/45.

EL PASO: Other Addresses; Res. & Dev. Div., Sub-office (Rocket), Fort Bliss, Texas, 10/45 to 5/50. Employment; 9/45 to 5/50, Research & Development Div., Sub-office (Rocket), Project Director, Ft. Bliss, Texas.

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
MEMPHIS: Relatives; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

EL PASO AND NEW YORK: See urfiles, conduct any investigation not previously covered and bring up to date.

ALL OFFICE: Assign case to mature, experienced agents. It will not be necessary to conduct neighborhood investigation. Buded must be met.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

(File

) DATE:

5/18/61

FROM :

SAC,

Pittsburgh

(File

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per

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SUBJECT:

WHENHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN,
aka

AERA

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline:

5/18/61.

Reason for the delinquency:

Re lead in Baltimore airtel to Bureau,
5/16/61, received 5/18/61. Lead in W.L.K. R/A.Date the report or necessary communication
will reach the Bureau:

5/25/61.

AEC zone designation; e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (File) DATE: 5/17/61

FROM : SAC, Albany (File)

SUBJECT: WERNHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN, aka
WA 114136
AEAA

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 5/18

Reason for the delinquency: leads for RA rec'd today per BA
airtel of 5/16/61

Date the report or necessary communication
will reach the Bureau: 5/25/61

AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (File) DATE: 5-22-61

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (File 116-13038)

SUBJECT: WERNHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN - WA - 114136
 aka FREIHERR VON BRAUN, WERNHER MAGNUS
 MAXIMILIAN FREIHERR VON BRAUN
 AFSA

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 5-18-61

Reason for the delinquency: Re BH RUC report 5-17-61 and Baltimore airtel to Bureau 5-16-61 containing additional leads. Racial situation Birmingham

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: has delayed coverage additional leads. Anticipate completion of investigation by 5-25-61.

AEC zone designation; e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

5/29/61

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Personnel Clearance Branch

Re: WERNHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN-
WA-114136

Dear Sir:

AEAA

This is to advise that investigation required under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 on the subject of the attached reports has been completed.

These reports and their contents are loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and are not to be distributed outside your agency. It is also required that the information contained therein be given minimum dissemination within your organization.

Also attached are copies of an investigation conducted on the applicant in 1948. Investigation has been brought up to date.

Agency checks outstanding.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal letter becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

(File

) DATE: 5/24/61

FROM : SAC, WFO

(File 116-133470)

SUBJECT: Werner Magnus Maximilian Von Braun, aka
A & A

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Re pending report of SA [redacted] dated 5/17/61 at
and SA [redacted] 5/14/61
This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 5/18/61

Reason for the delinquency: (CIA lead on applicant & brother) and
lead to chief G-2 files still outstanding no administrative
action recommendedDate the report of necessary communication
will reach the Bureau: 5/31/61AEC zone designation; e.g., OR, CH, etc.:
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PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

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INSTRUCTIONS—All sections must be completed. Write "None" when applicable. Type or print all answers. If space is not adequate for complete answers, use the additional space provided under Item No. 27. All addresses must show street number, street, city, and State.

1. NAME (Last, first, middle) von Braun, Werner Magnus Maximilian		5. DESCRIPTION (Check which) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE				
von Braun, Werner Maximilian		RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
		W	6'	180	blue	blond
2. OTHER NAMES (Include maiden name, if married woman) Freiherr von Braun (I dropped "Freiherr", a nobility title, after coming to the USA.)		6. (Check which) <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOW (ER)		7. BIRTH MONTH DAY YEAR March 23 1912		
3. PRESENT ADDRESS 1516 Big Cove Road, S.E. Huntsville, Alabama		DATE June 1958		8. BIRTHPLACE (City, county, State, and country) Wirsitz, Germany (Now Poland)		
4. ALL OTHER ADDRESSES FOR PAST 15 YEARS Kirch Str. 7, Zinnowitz, Germany 1945		DATE to present		9. CITIZENSHIP: U. S. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALIEN <input type="checkbox"/>		
U.S. Army Interrogation Camp, May 45		May 45		IF U. S. CITIZEN, INDICATE WHETHER:		
Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany Sept 45		Sept 45		(A) BY BIRTH <input type="checkbox"/> (C) BY NATURALIZATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
U. S. Army Camp (Ft. Strong) Sept 45		Sept 45		(B) DERIVATIVE <input type="checkbox"/>		
Boston, Massachusetts Oct 45		Oct 45		DATE 7888		
Res. & Dev. Div., Sub-office Oct 45		Oct 45		CERTIFICATE NO. DATE Apr 15, 1955		
(Rocket), Fort Bliss, Texas May 50		May 50		PLACE CERTIFICATE NO. 7297683		
307 Locust Street May 50		May 50		IF ALIEN, INDICATE ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.		
Huntsville, Ala. July 50		July 50		DATE OF ENTRY		
1012 Vanderbilt Drive July 50		July 50		PORT OF ENTRY		
Huntsville, Ala. Dec. 50		Dec. 50		10. DRAFT BOARD NUMBER AND ADDRESS WITH WHICH REGISTERED		
Route 4, Box 22-A Dec 50		Dec 50		None		
Huntsville, Ala. Apr 53		Apr 53		11. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 065-30-2991		
907 McClung Street Apr 53		Apr 53		12. PERMANENT STATION, RANK, AND ADDRESS IF NOW IN MILITARY SERVICE None		
Huntsville, Ala. June 58		June 58		12A. MILITARY SERVICE (Past or present)		
1516 Big Cove Road, S.E. June 58		June 58		SERIAL NOS. BRANCH FROM (Yr.) TO (Yr.)		
Huntsville, Ala. to Present		to Present		None		
Closing letter to Atomic Energy Commission MAY 29 1961		Agency check		MCT - 42		

13. EDUCATION (All schools above elementary)		FROM (Yr.)		TO (Yr.)		DEGREES	
NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS						
Französisches Gymnasium	Berlin, Germany	APR 17 1961		1920		1925	
Hermann-Lietz Schulen	Ettersburg and Spiekeroog	1925		1925		1930	
Technische Hochschulen	Berlin, Germany and Zurich, Switzerland	1930		1930		1932	
University of Berlin	Berlin, Germany	1932		1932		1934	
						high school	
						B.S.	
						Ph.D.	

14. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED (Since 1930) (Exclusive of military service)			
COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.A.	DATE RETURNED U.S.A.	PURPOSE
Germany, Austria, Great Britain, Italy, France, Switzerland, Greece, Sweden, Netherland, Belgium, Poland, Portugal, Denmark.	During period 1930 - 1960	1950/1952	Business, pleasure trips, and education.
Mexico	1950/1952	1950/1952	Several brief trips to Juarez (from El Paso)

15. EMPLOYMENT (List ALL employment dates including present employment and ALL dates and addresses when unemployed. If any employments required AEC security clearance ("Q"), indicate the company or organization which requested the clearance. Give name or names under which employed if different than name now used.)

DATE FROM-TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION)	TYPE OF WORK	ADDRESS (Where employed)	REASON FOR LEAVING
7/80 to present	National Aeronautics & Space Administration, Geo. C. Marshall Space Flight Center	Director of Center	Huntsville, Ala.	Still there.
2/56 to 7/60	Army Ballistic Missile Agency, Development Operations Div.	Director	Huntsville, Ala.	Transfer of Development Team from Army to NASA.
5/50 to 2/56	Redstone Arsenal, Guided Missile Development Group	Technical Director	Huntsville, Ala.	Organizational change over. Establishment of new agency.
9/45 to 5/50	Research & Development Div. Sub-Office (Rocket)	Project Director	Ft. Bliss, Texas	Transfer of activities to Redstone Arsenal.
5/45 to 9/45	U.S. Army at Interrogation Camp	Processing for immigration to United States.	Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany	Moved to United States
4/37 to 5/45	Army Rocket Center, German Army Ordnance Department	Technical Director	Peenemuende, Germany	End of World War II.
11/32 to 4/37	Army Proving Ground, German Army Ordnance Dept.	Chief of Rocket Experiment Station	Kummersdorf, Germany	Transfer of activities to Peenemuende.
5/30 to 11/32	Rocket Field Reinickendorf	Assistant	Berlin, Germany	Acceptance of Army Contract.

16. ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP (Include all present membership and all past membership during the last 15 years in all organizations, except labor unions and religious organizations not covered by Question 17 below.)

NAME	ADDRESS	TYPE	FROM	TO	OFFICE HELD
American Rocket Society, New York, N.Y.		Professional	1948	present	National Director
British Interplanetary Society	London, England	"	1948	"	Honorary Fellow
Norwegian Interplanetary Society	Oslo, Norway	"	1951	"	"

(see reverse side)

17. ARE YOU NOW, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN, A MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL AS REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450? (For your convenience, there is attached to this questionnaire as Appendix A, the current list of such organizations. Appendix A is hereby made an integral part of this Personnel Security Questionnaire.)

No

Answer "Yes" or "No"

18. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A., OR ANY COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION?

No

Answer "Yes" or "No"

19. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF A FASCIST ORGANIZATION?

Yes

Answer "Yes" or "No"

20. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF ANY FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC ORGANIZATION, ASSOCIATION, MOVEMENT, GROUP, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS WHICH IS TOTALITARIAN, FASCIST, COMMUNIST, OR SUBVERSIVE, OR WHICH HAS ADOPTED, OR SHOWS, A POLICY OF ADVOCATING OR APPROVING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF FORCE OR VIOLENCE TO DENY OTHER PERSONS THEIR RIGHTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, OR WHICH SEEKS TO ALTER THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS?

No

Answer "Yes" or "No"

21. IF YOUR ANSWER TO QUESTION 17, 18, 19, OR 20 ABOVE IS "YES," STATE BELOW, UNDER ITEM NO. 27, OR ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE THE NAMES OF ALL SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, MOVEMENTS, GROUPS, OR COMBINATION OF PERSONS AND DATES OF MEMBERSHIP. GIVE COMPLETE DETAILS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES THEREIN AND MAKE ANY EXPLANATION YOU DESIRE REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR ACTIVITIES.

NAME

ADDRESS

FROM

TO

OFFICE HELD

Membership in NSDAP, NOV, 1938, NO, NO. 1

No activity in any of these organizations. Honorary rank of "Sturmabannfuehrer" in SS (not connected with any activities) bestowed upon [redacted] as a result of my work in [redacted]

2. Constitution with developments (not connected with any other titles) It of my work in
brothers, stepisters, half brothers, h ers, father-in-law, and mother-in-law, living of stepchildren, brothers, sisters, step-
en name and any other names by previous marriage. In the event of marriage subsequent to name of spouse should include paid-
will be necessary that data concerning the new spouse be furnished on Form AEC-354) tion of this Questionnaire, is

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	AGE	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	COUNTRY OF PRESENT RESIDENCE
Father	Magnus Freiherr von Braun	82	Laurentius Str. 14, Oberaudorf Bavaria, Germany	Germany	Germany
Mother	Emmy Freifrau von Braum	-	Deceased	Germany	American
Wife	Maria L. (von Quistorp) von Braum			Germany	
Daughter	Iris Carcen von Braum		" " " " " "	U.S.A.	"
Daughter	Margrit Cecile von Braum		" " " " " "	"	"

23. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you)

23. REFERENCES (Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you)			YEARS KNOWN
NAME IN FULL	BUSINESS AND HOME ADDRESS		
1. [Redacted]	[Redacted]		
2. [Redacted]	[Redacted]		
3. [Redacted]	[Redacted]		

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ANY VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL LAW, STATE LAW, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL LAW, REGULATION, OR ORDINANCE? DO NOT INCLUDE ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED BEFORE YOUR 16TH BIRTHDAY. DO NOT INCLUDE TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS FOR WHICH A FINE OF \$25 OR LESS WAS IMPOSED. ALL OTHER CHARGES MUST BE INCLUDED EVEN IF THEY WERE DISMISSED.

If your answer is, "Yes," give in item 25 for each case:
(A) approximate date, (B) charge, (C) place, (D) action taken

25. ARRESTS (Include all arrests and fines other than minor traffic violations)			
A. DATE	B. CHARGE	C. PLACE WHERE ARRESTED AND NAME OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY	D. ACTION TAKEN
3/21/44	Anti-Nazi remarks, etc.	Feenemunde (Usedom) Germany (by Gestapo)	Set free after 2 weeks' fake trial.

26. PREVIOUS SECURITY CLEARANCE
A. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE HAVE YOU EVER BEEN INVESTIGATED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?
B. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REFUSED CLEARANCE BY ANY BRANCH OF
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?
If your answer to either question A. or B. is "Yes," please furnish details.

Answers "Yes" or "No"

Answer "Yes" or "No"

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?.....
If your answer to either question A. or B. is "Yes," please furnish details.

CERTIFICATION

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I HAVE READ ALL OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS AND REVIEWED THE LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS SET FORTH IN APPENDIX A HEREOF. I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IN ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN THE CONSIDERATION OF MY ELIGIBILITY FOR SECURITY CLEARANCE. I MAKE THIS STATEMENT TO THE U. S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL BE USED BY THE COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTY TO PROTECT THE SECURITY OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY PROJECT, AND WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT OR OMISSION OF MATERIAL FACT MAY BE SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF MY APPLICATION OR DISMISSAL AFTER EMPLOYMENT; FURTHER, THAT ANY FALSE STATEMENT HEREIN MAY BE PUNISHED AS A FELONY UNDER SECTION 1001, TITLE 18, U. S. CODE.

(USUAL SIGNATURE OF PERSON FILLING OUT QUESTIONNAIRE) (Sign original only) (DATE AND PLACE WHERE SIGNED)

TO BE FILLED OUT BY AGENCY OR FIRM EMPLOYING

<p align="center">TO BE FILLED OUT BY REQUESTOR</p>	<p>NAME OF AGENCY OR FIRM</p>
<p>BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES <i>(Description should not reveal classified information)</i></p>	<p>Address</p>
<p>Director, George C. Marshall Space Flight Center,</p>	<p>MSFC, NASA</p>
<p>NASA</p>	<p>Huntsville, Alabama</p>
	<p>WILL PERSON HAVE ACCESS TO RESTRICTED DATA?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
	<p>WILL PERSON HAVE ACCESS TO AN EXCLUSION AREA?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
	<p align="center"><i>(Check the one block applicable)</i></p>
	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FINGERPRINT CARD ATTACHED</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 1-C ATTACHED } (RESULTS OF F.B.I. FINGERPRINT</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> 1-4 ATTACHED } FILE CHECK)</p>
<p>M. Keith Noble, Security Officer</p>	
<p>(SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF OFFICIAL REQUESTING CLEARANCE)</p>	

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Greece, Sweden, Netherland, Belgium, Poland, Portugal, Denmark.	During period 1930 - 1960	Business, pleasure trips, and education.	201
	1950/1952 1950/1952	Several brief trips to Juarez (from	

18. EMPLOYMENT (List ALL employment dates including present employment and addresses and addresses when unemployed. If any employment required AEC security clearance ("Q"), indicate the company or organization on which requested the clearance. Give name or names under which employed. If different than name now used.)

DATE FROM-TO	NAME OF EMPLOYER (COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION)	TYPE OF WORK	ADDRESS	CITY AND STATE	ZIP
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27. ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR FURNISHING INFORMATION REQUESTED IN ITEMS 1 TO 26. (Indicate item numbers to which answers apply)

ITEM NO. 16.
(cont'd) Gesellschaft fuer Weltraumforschung, Stuttgart, Germany, Professional from 1948 to present, honorary fellow
The Explorers Club, New York, N. Y., Professional, from 1950 to present, member
American Astronautical Society, New York, N. Y., Professional, from 1954 to present, fellow
Rocket City Astronomical Association, Huntsville, Ala., Professional, from 1954 to present, President.

Item No.	Relation	Name	Age	Address	Birth Place	Present Citizenship
22. (cont'd)	Son	Peter Constantine von Braun	7 mos.	[REDACTED]	U.S.A.	American
	Brother	Sigismund Freiherr von Braun	49	Kaiser Friedrichstr. 5 Bonn, Germany	Germany	German
	Brother	Magnus von Braun, Jr.	41	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	American
	Father-in-law	Alexander von Quistorp	66	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	German
	Mother-in-law	Theda von Quistorp	54	[REDACTED]	Germany	German

Item No. 26.
(cont'd) Background investigation completed by Third U. S. Army on December 29, 1954;
Top Secret Clearance granted by NASA Administrator on June 27, 1960.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI *RUC*

FROM : SAC, Detroit (116-0-A)

SUBJECT: WERNHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN -
WA-114136, aka. Freiherr Von Braun,
Wernher Magnus Maximilian Freiherr
Von Braun
AEAA

DATE: 4/21/61

ReBulet 4/18/61.

Indices negative regarding applicant [REDACTED]
No further investigation to be conducted, UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (116-51857)
SUBJECT: WERNHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN
WA-114136, aka
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Re Bureau letter to Birmingham, 4/18/61.

Bureau attention called to Baltimore letters to the Director dated 11/8/57 and 11/26/57, entitled "WERNHER VON BRAUN, Information Concerning, Miscellaneous". Information set out in above letters believed to apply to applicant, however, due to the weird and nebulous nature of information furnished in above letters they will not be referred to by this Office in its report UACB.

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FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (116-51857)
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Magnus Maximilian Freiherr
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Rebulet to Birmingham, 4/18/61.

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Will interview reference [REDACTED]

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TO: SAC, BUFFALO

FROM: SAC, WFO (116-133470)

WERNER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN
aka, Freiherr Von Braun
Werner Magnus Maximilian Freiherr Von Braun
WA-114136
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Re Bulet to BH dated 4/18/61, no copy BU.

Applicant born 3/23/12, Wirsitz, Germany. Presently
Director, Geo. C. Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville,
Ala.

(b)(3) Investigation Wash., D. C., reflects [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is well acquainted with VON BRAUN. Secure
comments.

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TO : SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (116-164253)

SUBJECT: WERNHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN -
WA-114136, aka
AEAA

Rebulet 4/18/61. BUDED: 5/18/61.

(b)(6)
Personnel at the Federal Records Center,
General Services Administration, St. Louis, Mo., advised
IC [REDACTED] on 5/2/61 that the Official Personnel
Folder for VON BRAUN, covering his employment as listed
on the PSQ, should be located at his place of current
employment.

Birmingham handle.

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Reporting Office SAN FRANCISCO	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 5/11/61	Investigative Period 5/5/61
TITLE OF CASE WERNHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN - WA - 114136, aka Freiherr Von Braun, Wernher Magnus Maximilian Freiherr Von Braun		Report made by SA [REDACTED]	Typed By: [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE AEA - A (b)(6)	

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Birmingham,
dated 4/18/61.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Date: MAY 11, 1961
Field Office File No.: 116-53653
Title: WERNHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN
VON BRAUN - WA - 114136

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Bureau File No.:

Character: ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

Synopsis:

(b)(6) [REDACTED] he has known VON BRAUN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that VON BRAUN is dedicated to rocketry, is
non-political and has evidenced considerable gratitude
to being in the United States. [REDACTED] he
feels VON BRAUN was never pro-Nazi and is anti-Communist.

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DETAILS:

(b)(6)
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised he has known VON BRAUN [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] he had frequent and prolonged
contact with VON BRAUN. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] he would conclude that they are strongly anti-
Communist. He stated he does not feel that VON BRAUN was ever
a strong patriot of Germany and that he is anti-Nazi. He
advised that VON BRAUN is dedicated to rocketry and has
expressed his gratitude in having the opportunity to be in
the United States and to be working in rocketry, and believes him to
be non-political.

[REDACTED] advised he would not hesitate in recommending
VON BRAUN for any position requiring trust and confidence.

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Reporting Office BOSTON	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 5/15/61	Investigative Period 4/26 - 5/11/61
TITLE OF CASE WERNHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN WA - 114136, aka Freiherr Von Braun, Wernher Magnus Maximilian Freiherr Von Braun		Report made by [REDACTED]	Typed By: [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE ABAA	

Synopsis:

REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Birmingham dated 4/18/61

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ANS. BY: <i>[REDACTED]</i>

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ANS. BY: <i>[REDACTED]</i>

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ANS. BY: <i>[REDACTED]</i>

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Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

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Office: Boston, Massachusetts

Field Office File No.:

Boston 116-43221

Bureau File No.:

Title:

WERNHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN - WA -114136,
aka Freiherr Von Braun, Wernher Magnus Maximilian
Freiherr Von Braun

Character:

AEAA

Synopsis:

Credit and arrest checks [REDACTED] negative.

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Details:

Credit and arrest checks were made [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] at the request of IC [REDACTED]CREDIT

On April 26, 1961, [REDACTED]

(b)(6)
[REDACTED] advised that the records of that agency do not
contain any information identifiable with WERNHER MAGNUS
MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN, also known as Freiherr Von Braud,
Wernher Magnus Maximilian Freiherr Von Braun.ARREST

On April 26, 1961, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the records of this office failed to contain
any information identifiable with WERNHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN
VON BRAUN, also known as Freiherr Von Braun, Wernher Magnus
Maximilian Freiherr Von Braun.ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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(b)(6) [REDACTED] advised on April 26, 1961, that they have no information identifiable with WERNHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN, also known as Freiherr Von Braun, Wernher Magnus Maximilian Freiherr Von Braun.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /5/ AND SAC, SAN DIEGO

FROM SAC, NEW YORK /116-121501/ 2 P.

WERNHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN DASH WA DASH ONE ONE
FOUR ONE THREE SIX AKA FREIHERR VON BRAUN, WERNHER
MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN FREIHERR VON BRAUN. ACAA. REBULET TO
BIRMINGHAM, FOUR, EIGHTEEN, SIXTY ONE. BUDED FIVE, EIGHTEEN,
SIXTY ONE. APPLICANT BORN THREE, TWENTY THREE, ONE NINE
ONE TWO, WIRSITZ, GERMANY, FIRM TO EMPLOY, DIRECTOR, MSFC,
NASA, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA. REBULET INSTRUCTS ASSIGN TO
MATURE, EXPERIENCED AGENTS. IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO
CONDUCT NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, BUDED MUST BE MET.
BALTIMORE BY AIRTEL FIVE THREE SIXTY ONE, STATES [REDACTED]

INQUIRY

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HE IS EXPECTED
TO LEAVE THAT OFFICE SOON AND WILL TRAVEL BY AUTOMOBILE
ACROSS COUNTRY. SAN DIEGO REQUESTED TO EXPEDITIOUSLY
CONTACT [REDACTED] CONCERNING THE APPLICANT.

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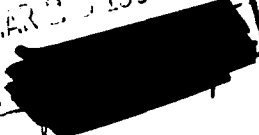
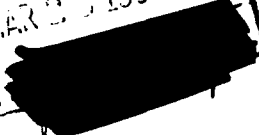
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		CHARACTER OF CASE AEAA (b)(6)	



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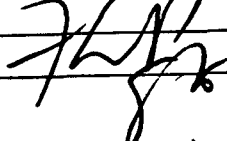
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Report of:

Date:

May 16, 1961

Office:

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Field Office File No.: San Diego 116-23411

Bureau File No.:

Title:

WERNHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN
WA 114136

Character:

ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

Synopsis:

(b)(6) [redacted] San Diego, California, commented favorably and recommended applicant for any position in his field.

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DETAILS: AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

(b)(6) [redacted] advised that he considers applicant to be of superior character and reputation. He stated he considers applicant's loyalty to be above question and also commented that applicant's associates have been the finest individuals. [redacted] stated he worked with applicant from [redacted]

[redacted] He also noted that he has seen applicant on numerous occasions other than during the aforementioned two employments, but stated the above two occasions were the only times he actually worked with applicant.

In closing, [redacted] stated he would consider it an honor to be employed with applicant at any time. He recommended applicant for any position in his field.

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Date: 5/16/61

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY SLIP
DATE 8-12-85 UUC

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (116-51857)

SUBJECT: WEENHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN
WA-114136, Aka., Freiherr Von Braun,
Weenher Magnus Maximilian Freiherr
Von Braun
AEAA

FOI/PA # 236-063
APPEAL #
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DATE 7/30/85 INITIALS NO

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BUDED: 5/18/61

Re Bulet to Birmingham, 4/18/61, no ccs Albany,
Buffalo or Pittsburgh.

Applicant born 3/23/12 Wirsitz, Germany (now Poland).

Applicant's G-2 file D8 022816 classified Secret
was made available by Colonel RICHARD H. MERRICK, CO, USACRP,
Fort Holabird, Md. and reviewed on 5/10-16/61. S-1 u

The above file contained investigation of applicant
conducted by G-2 covering the entire period of applicant's
life from the time of his capture by American Forces in Germany
in 1945 until the present time. This file, however, contains
only a limited overseas investigation of applicant since that
section of Germany where applicant was born, raised, educated
and where many of applicant's relatives live is now in the S-1 u

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Russian zone. Records of the Berlin Document Center, Berlin, Germany which contain Nazi Party records were examined by G-2 on 5/7/53 and found to reflect that the applicant entered the Nazi Party on 5/1/37 and the Schutzstaffel (SS) on 5/1/40. S-1(5) u

Applicant lists on his Statement of Personal History, executed and signed by him on 11/25/47 membership in the following German organizations: S-1(5) u

- (1) NSP - National Socialist Air Corps.
- (2) NSDAP - German National Socialists Worker Party, Nazi Party.
- (3) SS - Schutzstaffel, elite bodyguards black shirts.
- (4) The NSV - National Socialists Welfare Organization. S-1(5) u
- (5) Verein Deutscher Ingenieure - Association of German Engineers, Berlin.
- (6) Lilienthal - Gesellschaft Fur Luftfahrtsorschung - Lilienthal Society for Aviation Research, Berlin.

G-2 representatives in their investigation of applicant interviewed the following associates of applicant to determine the degree of relationship between applicant and the NSDAP and SS. G-2 made available autostat copies of these interviews and are enclosed for all offices for interview in your respective territories:

ALBANY:

G-2 Agent Report dated 4/9/53 re interview with [REDACTED]

G-2 Agent Report, dated 4/10/53 re interview with [REDACTED]

BIRMINGHAM:

G-2 Agent Report, dated 4/1/53, re interview with [REDACTED] Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. S-1(5) u

G-2 Agent Report dated 4/1/53 re interview with [REDACTED] Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala. S-1(5) u

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G-2 Agent Report dated 4/1/53, re interview with [REDACTED] Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala. S-1 (S) u

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G-2 Agent Report, dated 4/1/53, re interviews with [REDACTED] both of Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala. S-1 (S) u

G-2 Agent Report, dated 4/1/53 re interview with [REDACTED] Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. S-1 (S) u

G-2 Agent Report dated 4/20/55, re check of Naturalization Records, U. S. District Court, Birmingham, Ala. re applicant. S-1 (S) u

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G-2 Agent Report dated 9/14/53 re interview with [REDACTED]

Peenenuende, Germany. S-1 (S) u

PITTSBURGH:

G-2 Agent Report, dated 4/21/53 re interview with [REDACTED] -1 (S) u

BUREAU:

Enclosed herewith are copies of the 10 interviews reflected above as well as following:

(1) G-2 Agent Report, dated 4/1/53 re interview of applicant concerning his political and professional activities in Germany during World War II. S-1 (S) u

(2) Affidavit of membership of the applicant in the NSDAP (copy) dated 6/18/47. S-1 (S) u

(3) Memo of Military Government of Germany, dated 4/23/47 re check of Nazi Party files Berlin Document Center, Berlin Germany re applicant. S-1 (S) u

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G-2 Indices reflect that information re one WERNHER VONBRAUN, not further identified, is located at the Intelligence Document Library Division, ACSI, Intelligence, DA, The Pentagon, WDC under file #S0005699. S-1(S)U

All offices conduct appropriate investigation.

Baltimore will document the NSDAP and the SS in its report and will also include copies of the above described (3) documents as exhibits in its report and the additional pertinent information as having been utilized.

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Reporting Office EL PASO	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 5/16/61	Investigative Period 5/1 - 5/16/61
TITLE OF CASE WERNHER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN aka. Freiherr Von Braun, Wernher Magnus Maximilian Freiherr Von Braun, WA-114136		Report made by SA [REDACTED]	Typed By: [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE (b)(6) AEA-A	

Synopsis:

REFERENCE:

Bulet to Birmingham dated 4/18/61.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Reference is made to report of SA [REDACTED] dated September 25, 1948, at El Paso, captioned "Wernher Magnus Maximilian Freiherr Von Braun; Special Inquiry - Department of Justice, German scientist under the protective custody and control of the Joint Intelligence Objectives Agency." (El Paso file 77-594). Rerep sets forth all pertinent background developed re applicant by El Paso Office as well as credit and criminal checks up to September, 1948. It is pointed out that instant report of SA [REDACTED] purports to cover period

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from September, 1948, until Summer of 1950, since investigation disclosed that applicant left Fort Bliss, Texas, in Summer of 1950.

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Copy to:

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: May 16, 1961

Office: El Paso

Field Office File No.: EP 116-26135

Bureau File No.:

Title: WERHNER MAGNUS MAXIMILIAN VON BRAUN
WA-114136

Character: ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

Synopsis:

Applicant employed, Research and Development Division, Sub Office (Rocket), as Project Director, Fort Bliss, Texas, October, 1945, to May, 1950, and on latter date applicant transferred to Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama. [REDACTED]

(b)(6) [REDACTED] advised was at Fort Bliss, Texas, [REDACTED] and he recalls applicant was Project Director at that time at Fort Bliss in Research and Development Division. [REDACTED] not personally acquainted with applicant and could furnish no additional information. Stated no one else presently at Fort Bliss who would recall applicant. [REDACTED] No arrest record located [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CIC and CID, Fort Bliss, negative.

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DETAILSAT EL PASO, TEXAS:Employment

On May 12, 1961 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] United States Army, Fort

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Bliss, Texas, advised that he was stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas [REDACTED]

(b)(6) [REDACTED] He stated that he recalls that the applicant was at Fort Bliss, Texas, as the Project Director of the Research and Development Division, Sub Office (Rocket), at that time. He further stated that he recalls that the applicant had been at Fort Bliss since 1945 in this stated capacity. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he had no personal acquaintance with the applicant and could, therefore, furnish no additional information concerning him. He advised, however, that he recalls that in the late Spring or early Summer of 1950 the applicant and his crew of scientists were transferred from Fort Bliss, Texas, to assume a new duty station at the Redstone Arsenal at Huntsville, Alabama. [REDACTED] stated that there is no one presently at Fort Bliss who was there during the period of 1945 to 1950 that to his knowledge was working in such a capacity as to have been cognizant of the applicant's employment at Fort Bliss or to have been acquainted with the applicant.

Credit and Arrests

At Fort Bliss, Texas:

(b)(6) On May 3, 1961, [REDACTED] the records of the 48th MP Detachment, Criminal Investigation Division, were checked but no data pertaining to the applicant was located.

On May 8, 1961, [REDACTED], Special Agent, CIC, advised that his records reflected no information pertaining to the applicant.

[REDACTED]

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On May 1, 1961, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that there was no record of an arrest concerning the applicant in their respective files.

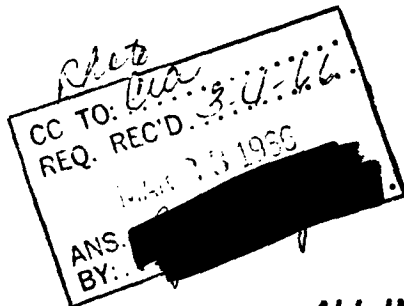
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REFERENCE:

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(b)(6) [redacted] advised he has known applicant since [redacted]

[redacted] He advised applicant was a scientist assigned to the German Missile Program. He stated that applicant agreed to surrender the German missile data to the United States at the end of World War II and to come to the U.S. Stated applicant presently in charge of U.S. Missile Program.

[redacted] advised applicant loyal to the U.S. and possesses excellent character, reputation, and associates. Would recommend applicant for position of trust and confidence with the U. S. Government.

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DETAILS:

(b)(6)
On May 15, 1961, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised he has known the applicant since [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated that the applicant in this capacity served as a close associate and the applicant was directly responsible for 17,000 people engaged in the project.

[REDACTED] the applicant and other German scientists, surrendered himself to United States forces in Switzerland and subsequently came to the United States. He stated that the applicant then went to White Sands, New Mexico, to demonstrate German missiles the United States had confiscated along with the missile reports to the United States Government officials. Later applicant was sent to Huntsville, Alabama, where he is now the scientist in charge of all United States missile programs.

[REDACTED] advised that his association with the applicant has been somewhat limited, consisting principally of periodic business and social contacts.

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(b)(6) [REDACTED] the applicant is very loyal to the United States and it is his firm belief that he is not connected with the Communist Party or any other subversive organization. He stated that from remarks made by the applicant to him, the applicant does not want any part of a dictatorship as HITLER had proven to him what happens to a country which is governed in this manner. He stated that the applicant is very conscientious about the security of his work [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he never discusses any of his missile programs which are of a classified nature. He said the applicant will do the best job he possibly can for the United States.

[REDACTED] described the applicant as one of the outstanding scientists in the world and a very able administrator. He stated that when the applicant sets his sights on a particular goal, he will not be distracted from that goal until he has successfully completed it.

[REDACTED] advised that the applicant possesses an excellent character and reputation and he knows of nothing which would reflect unfavorably upon any of his associates. He stated he would recommend the applicant for any position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

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Files of G-2 reviewed and pertinent information set forth.

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1. G-2 Agent Report dated April 1, 1953 reflecting interview with applicant. S-1 (u) SEE EXHIBIT A.
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The files of G-2, U. S. Army Counterintelligence Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Maryland, made available by a representative of that agency, were reviewed on May 10-15, 1961. These files reveal that applicant was the subject of a National Agency check completed on December 18, 1959, and six partial background investigations completed on March 3, 1947, August 3, 1948, June 11, 1953, January 4, 1954, December 29, 1954, and July 16, 1958. S-1 (u)

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Applicant lists on his Statement of Personal History, executed and signed by him on November 25, 1947, membership in the NSDAP and SS in Germany during World War II. S-1(8)(u)

According to G-2 files, the NSDAP are the initials of the Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei, the German National Socialist Workers Party which was the Nazi Party of Germany and was dissolved in that country at the end of World War II.

Also, according to G-2 files, the SS are the common initials of the Schutzstaffel (Nazi Black Guards), ADOLPH HITLER's notorious "elite troops".

Pertinent information developed by G-2 during the course of their investigations is contained in the following G-2 documents, copies of which were made available by G-2 officials and are enclosed herewith: S-1(8)(u)

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